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JECT PAPER, HAND-CARRIED TO GENEVA BY KUWABARA (COMMERCE), WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

2. PAGE 2, LINE 5, INSERT THIS NEW SENTENCE FOLLOWING "UTILITIES": "IF CERTAIN EXCLUSIONS ARE ENVISAGED, U.S. DEL SHOULD PROBE AS TO THE RATIONALE FOR INITIAL EXCLUSION AS WELL AS INTENTIONS REGARDING FUTURE COVERAGE OF THESE

SECTORS AND/OR ENTITIES."

3. HEADNOTE, PAGE 1, SECOND PARAGRAPH, THE SENTENCE START-ING ON LINE 12 SHOULD NOW READ: "BECAUSE ARTICLE XVII(1) APPEARS TO SUBJECT THE PURCHASING ACTIVITIES OF THESE ENTERPRISES TO THE NATIONAL TREATMENT AND NONDISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS OF THE GATT, THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT INCLUDED ON ITS REQUEST LISTS STATE TRADING OR MANUFACTURING COMPANIES, EVEN THOUGH SUCH ENTERPRISES DO FALL UNDER THE DIRECT OR SUBSTANTIAL CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT."

4. HEADNOTE, PAGE 2 BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST SENTENCE SHOULD NOW READ: "THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT ALL ENTITIES WHOSE PURCHASING ACTIVITIES ARE POTENTIALLY UNDER THE DIRECT OR SUBSTANTIAL CONTROL OF GOVERNMENTS SHALL PRACTICE NATIONAL TREATMENT AND NONDISCRIMINATION. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE UNITED STATES WILL BE MAKING A PROPOSAL SHORTLY AIMED AT AFFIRMING THAT CODE SIGNATORIES ACCEPT THESE PRINCIPLES FOR THEIR STATE TRADING AND MANUFACTURING ENTERPRISES AND AFFIRMING THEIR COMMON INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE XVII(1) WITH RESPECT TO NATIONAL TREATMENT AND NONDISCRIMINATION. ACCEPTANCE OF THIS PROPOSAL WOULD OBVIATE THE NEED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF WHETHER SUCH ENTITIES SHOULD BE CANDIDATES FOR INCLUSION UNDER THE PROCUREMENT CODE." CHRISTOPHER

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